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Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90,

GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, WT Docket No. 10-208, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 605 (2012).

With this letter we file **OmniTel Communications** (SAC 359011) FCC Form 481, which is due to the Commission on or before October 15, 2013.

This filing has already been submitted with USAC and an electronic filing has been made with the relevant state regulatory agency.

Please call me at 515-223-0159 if you have any questions concerning this filing.

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Renee Knoop, OmniTel Communications

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	Allection Form	Lb(7013	
<010>	Study Area Code 359011	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
<015>	Study Area Name OMNITEL COMMUNI	CATIONS, INC.	
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<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact Renee Knoop with questions about this data	0	CT 2 4 2013
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: 641-749-4004 Number of the person identified in data line <030>	FCC	Mail Room
<039>	Contact Email Address: rknoop@omnite1		
ANNUA	I. REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 54.422 Completion Completion Required Required
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	(check box when complete)
<200> <210>	Outage Reporting (voice) < check box if no outages to rep	(complete attached worksheet) oort	<b>V V</b>
<310>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)  Detail on Attempts (voice)  Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)  Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)	
<400> <410> <420> <430> <440> <450>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)  Fixed 0.0  Mobile  Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)  Fixed Mobile		
<800> <900> <1000> <1010>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance    3590111a510	(attached descriptive document) (check to indicate certification) (attached descriptive document) (complete attached worksheet) (complete attached worksheet) (complete attached worksheet) (if yes, complete attached worksheet) (check to indicate certification) (attach descriptive document)	
<1110>	Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)?  Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(if not, check to indicate certification) (complete attached worksheet) (complete attached worksheet)	
<2000> <2005>	<b>Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to <u>Price Cap Additional Documentation</u>  Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange  The Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange  The Price Cap Additional Documentation  The Price Cap Additi</b>		
<3000> <3005>	Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to <u>ROR Additional Documentation</u>	Worksheet (check to indicate certification) (complete attached worksheet)	

(100) Se	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting		FCC Form 481
Data Co	llection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
			July 2013
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no )	<u> </u>
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5		)
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes/no) U	<u> </u>
	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.		
<112>	Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	company is a	
		Name of A	Attached Document (.pdf)
	Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.		tetablea Socialie (t.pa.)
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality		
<116>	How (USF)was used to improve service coverage		
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity		
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.		

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2014

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<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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<811>	Holding Company	OmniTel Communications	
<812>	Operating Company	OmniTel Communications	

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves						
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation						
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	If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for						
	each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached						
	PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal						
	government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:						
		Select	7				
		(Yes,No,	}				
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<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal		7				
	community anchor institutions;	1 1 1 1 1 1 1					
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;						
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;		7				
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<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	L	ال ا				

	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No., 3060-0986/OMB Control Na. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1120>	Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)		
<1130>	Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)		

	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers			FCC Form 481		
Lifeline				OMB Control No. 3	060-0986/OMB Control	No. 3060-0819
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	35	59011ia1210			
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<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP				
	"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:					
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	1				
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<b></b>				
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	V				

	ice Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FC¢ form 481
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CHECK th	ne boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Pl	hase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II
		e information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	
<2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))	
<2011>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}	
	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))	
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Certification	
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Certification	
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Certification	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	
	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))	
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	
	Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}	
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<del>[-1</del>
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification	——————————————————————————————————————
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021,	
12020	contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipie	ent .
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CHECK t	he boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursu: CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that	ant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring the information reported on this form and in the documents attact	
	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3010)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3010)	Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012,	Name of Attached Document Esting Required Information	[
	contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a		
(3011)	recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and		
	addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing		
	access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.		
(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	Name of Accounted Document Listing Resigning Information	(Yes/No)
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report		(Yes/No)
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017,		
	contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance		
4	requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for		
(3015)	Telecommunications Borrowers)		
(3016)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual		
	report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	6. 6. 3
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?		(Yes/No)
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to		
	confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains :		
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report		
(3013)	in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications		
(3020)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(2004)	Management letter issued by the independent certifled public accountant		
(3021)	that performed the company's financial audit.		<b></b>
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below		
	to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2),		
	contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an		r=1
(2022)	independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a		<u> </u>
(3022)	format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications		
	Borrowers,		F==4
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		LJ
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
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(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

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### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data	Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: Filin	g Due Date for this form:
	e under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

i certify that (Name of Agent) <u>kiesling Associates LLP</u> also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities incl agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. Ide ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized athorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent: Kiesling Associates LLP	
Name of Reporting Carrier: OMNITEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 10/13/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Ron Laudner	
Fitle or position of Authorized Officer: President/CEO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 641-749-2531	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 359011 Fil	ng Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
i, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: OMNITEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Kiesling Associates LLP	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 10/13/2013
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Kiesling Associates LLP	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Regulatory Consultant	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 515-223-0159	
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Attachments

# FCC Form 481, Line 510: Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

Iowa Administrative Code §199-22.6 requires an ETC to certify in its annual report that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The ETC will measure its service connection, held order, and service interruption performance monthly according to this section. OmniTel Communications certifies that it has complied with these requirements and will continue to comply with these requirements.

#### FCC Form 481, Line 610: Certification Regarding Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Iowa Administrative Code §199-22.6(5) requires an ETC to certify in its annual report that it is complying with provisions to meet emergencies including but not limited to the provision of emergency power. Each central office shall contain a minimum of two hours of battery reserve and for offices without permanently installed emergency power facilities, there shall be access to a mobile power unit with enough capacity to carry the load which can be delivered on reasonably short notice and readily connected. OmniTel Communications certifies that it has complied with these requirements and will continue to comply with these requirements.

#### Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program

Financial assistance through the Lifeline program is available to help eligible Iowans afford and maintain basic telephone service. Lifeline participation enables Iowans to stay connected to jobs, family, community resources, and government and emergency services. Lifeline is a federal government program that assists qualified Iowans by providing a monthly credit of \$9.25 on the local telephone bill.

The Lifeline program has recently been streamlined by the Federal Communications Commission. Lifeline benefits are now limited to one wire line or wireless phone per qualified household. Households currently receiving more than one Lifeline service must select a single Lifeline service provider and de-enroll from the program with any other provider(s).

Households eligible for or already receiving Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income Program, Federal Public Housing Assistance Program, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program, or the National School Lunch Program may qualify. Consumers may also qualify based on their level of income. For more information, please see the 2013 Lifeline Week news release.

A Lifeline <u>application form</u> is available from your local telephone service provider, the Iowa Utilities Board, or most <u>Community Action Agencies</u> in the state. To apply, simply complete the application form and then return it to your chosen participating provider. Additionally, residents of Tribal lands who are eligible for Lifeline, should check with their local telecommunications provider to inquire about additional benefits, including potential Link-Up telephone-installation benefits.

Information about the <u>number of customers receiving Lifeline assistance</u> is reported by each Iowa telephone company. For more information, call the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) toll free at 1-877-565-4450, or visit <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline">www.usac.org</a>

Number of local minutes provided: Unlimited local calling

Additional charges for toll calls: Toll calls are billed at carriers' standard rates